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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT COMMENTS ON INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SUMMONED UK AND U.S. AMBASSADORS TO MINISTRY
NOON TODAY TO DELIVER TEXT OF GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON "SO-CALLED
INTERNAL ACCORD". STATEMENT WAS BEING READ OVER RADIO MOZAMBIQUE
SAME TIME TEXT WAS DELIVERED TO AMBASSADORS.

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF
MOZAMBIQUE ISSUES THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING THE SO-CALLED
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"INTERNAL AGREEMENT" IN THE BRITISH COLONY OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA
ANNOUNCED BY THE NEWS AGENCIES:

1. THE WAR WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA RESULTS
FROM THE COLONIAL OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORY AGGRAVATED BY THE
RACIST REBELLION OF A MINORITY OF SETTLERS WHO HAVE USURPED
POWER.

IT CAN ONLY END BY THE SATISFACTION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL DEMAND OF THE BROAD MASSES OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE: TOTAL AND COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COUNTRY IN ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WITH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, LEGITIMATELY APPOINTED BY ALL CITIZENS WITH OUT ANY DISCRIMINATION.

2. THE ARMED NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT COMBINED WITH INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST THE MINORITY RACISTS AND ILLEGAL REGIME HAS CREATED FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE EARLY TERMINATION OF THE PRESENT CONFLICT BY MEANS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COLONIAL POWER.

3. AS A PRIOR CONDITION FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND THE STRAT OF THE PROCESS OF TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE FRAME WORK OF AN AGREEMENT, THE EXTINCTION OF A REBELLION AND OF THE MINORITY RACISTS AND ILLEGAL REGIME OF IAN SMITH IS ESSENTIAL

4. THE COLONIAL POWER HAS PRESENTED PROPOSALS FOR NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE AND TO PEACE. THESE PROPOSALS CONTAIN FUNDAMENTAL POSITIVE POINTS WHICH HAVE MADE POSSIBLE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. IN PARTICULAR THEY ESTABLISH:

(A) THE PRINCIPLE OF TOTAL AND COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE.

(B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT RESULTING FROM ELECTIONS BASED ON UNIVERSAL SUGGRAGE OF ADULT CITIZENS WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION.

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(C) THE END OF THE RACIST REBELLION AND OF ITS REGIME.

(D) THE DISMANTLING OF THE ARMED AND REPRESSIVE FORCES OF THE MINORITY RACISTS AND ILLEGAL REGIME.

(E) THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL ARMY BASED ON THE NATIONALSIT FIGHTING FORCES.

(F) THE RECOGNITION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COLONIAL POWER TO ENSURE DECOLONIZATION MANIFESTED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF A BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

(G) THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FRONT LINE STATES, AFRICA, AND ALL PROGRESSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STATES BELONG, IN THE PROCESS OF: THE CONTROL OF THE CEASEFIRE:

THE CONTROL OF THE DISMANTLING OF THE RACISTS FORCES.

CONTROL OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS ON ELECTIONS.

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5. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS OFFICIALLY
ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH AND SUPPORTED THE PROPOSALS OF THE COLONIAL
POWER.
THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, BEING SO REQUESTED HAS EMPOWERED
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE

TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THE PROCESS.

6. LAST JANUARY IN MALTA ON THE BASIS OF THESE PROPOSALS AND IN THE
PRESENCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONAL AND THE FRONT
LINE STATES, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OF THE
UNITED STATES BEGAN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.
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7. THE CONVERSATIONS WERE POSITIVE AND APART FROM NORMAL POINTS
OF DIVERGENCE OPEN A FAIR PROSPECT FOR A RAPID SETTLEMENT OF THE
CONFLICT.

8. TO NEUTRALIZE THIS PROCESS BY CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE
POWER AND HOPING TO WIN TIME TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE CONFLICT
THE MINORITY RACIST AND ILLEGAL REGIME HAS REJECTED THE PROPOSALS

OF THE COLONIAL POWER. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS INTENSIFYING CRIMES AND MASSACRES AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND AGGRESSIONS AGAINST NEIGHBOURING STATES.

9. TAKING ITS INSPIRATION FROM THE SORRY AND RUINED EXPERIMENTS OF NGO DIN DIEM. LON NOL, MOISES TSHOMBE AND OTHER PUPPETS. PLAYING ON ANTI-COMMUNIST HYSTERIA, ENJOYING THE SHORT SIGHTED COMPLICITY OF THE MOST REACTIONARY AND BELLICOSE CIRCLES OF IMPERIALISM AND RACISM. THE SALISBURY REGIME IS TRYING TO PROLONG ITS CRIMINAL EXISTENCE BY MEANS OF THE OUT-WORN TACTIC OF A SETTLEMENT WITH PUPPETS.

10. THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL AGREEMENT AMOUNTS TO A CRUDE ATTEMPT TO SAVE COLONIALISM AND RACISM BECAUSE:
IT MAINTAINS THE ESSENCE OF THE REBEL REGIME:
IN PRACTICE IT RESERVES FOR A HANDFUL OF SETTLERS AND EFFECTIVE RIGHT OF VETO AGAINST THE WILL EXPRESSED DEMOCRATICALLY BY THE ELECTORATE
IT ENTAILS THE PRESERVATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL INSTRUMENT OF RACIST POWER, THE ARMED FORCES
IT IS DESTINED TO CONTINUE THE WAR AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.
IN REALITY IT MERELY INTRODUCES SOME BLACKS INTO THE STRUCTURE OF THE REGIME TO DISGUISE AS A CIVIL WAR THE REALITY OF THE COLONIAL WAR AND TO TRY TO MAKE THE PATRIOTS APPEAR AS REBELS AND INVADERS.

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11. THE SO CALLED INTERNAL AGREEMENT, IF BY CHANCE IT SHOULD ENJOY OUTSIDE SUPPORT, CAN ONLY RESULT:
(A) INEVITABLY IN PROLONGING THE WAR
(B) IN THE DANGER OF INTERNATIONALIZING THE CONFLICT WITH GRAVE DANGER TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA AND
IN THE WORLD THAT MUST FOLLOW.

12. THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE REITERATES ITS DECISION TO CONTINUE TO FULFILL ENTIRELY ITS INTERNATIONALIST DUTY TO SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND REAFFIRMS THE NEED TO REACH A RAPID AND POSITIVE CONCLUSION IN THE CONVERSATIONS BEGUN BETWEEN THE COLONIAL POWER AND PATRIOTIC FRONT AS THE FUNDAMENTAL MEANS OF PUTTING AN END TO THE PRESENT CONFLICT ON A JUST BASIS.

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